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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: July 19, 2006

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 029

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, August 2, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 11, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from September 16, 2006 through November 15, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	144/1.33 oz	91,884 cases
Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	30 lb. ctns.	4,140 cases
Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins	24/15 oz. pkgs.	3,456 cases

Please Note:

- The raisins purchased under this invitation must be:

Natural Thompson (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins as defined in the U.S. Standards Type (I) - Seedless Raisins (1) Natural or (2) Vine-dried (DOV).

- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2005-06 or later crop year of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless raisins which have not been reconditioned by washing or drying.
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.



- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders “Only,” if and when they appear on an invitation.
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- On “BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY” destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.
- Manufacturer’s own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A “HELP” button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

- **Offers may now be submitted by raisin handlers or designated 8(a) vendors contracting with raisin handlers, as that term is defined in Section 989.15 of Marketing Order No. 989 for California Raisins. Contractor agrees to purchase a quantity of reserve tonnage raisins within 30 days of shipment, from the 2005-06 or later Natural (sun-dried) Seedless Raisin reserve pool of the Raisin Administrative Committee, equal to the poundage delivered hereunder divided by .93959 for Natural (sun-dried) Seedless Raisins used in the contract.**

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
INVITATION : 029
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS
PACK SIZE : 20 144/1.33 OZ BOX

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06					
001	CHICOPEE	MA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
002	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
003	WILMINGTON	MA		2,964	_____
004	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
005	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,482	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		1,412	_____
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	70	_____
006	DANVILLE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	423	_____
	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	307	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	2,234	_____
007	FORT MYERS	FL	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		2,214	_____
008	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,464	_____
	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		1,500	_____
009	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
010	DAYTON	OH		2,964	_____
011	OBETZ	OH	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
012	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
013	FRESNO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,482	_____

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014	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
015	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
016	KENT	WA		2,074	_____
	SPOKANE	WA		890	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/06 - 10/15/06					
017	BOLINGBROOK	IL	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____
018	DAYTON	OH		741	_____
	SPRINGFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	_____
019	CLEARFIELD	UT		2,964	_____
020	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	741	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	_____
021	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	741	_____
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	_____
022	NATIONAL CITY	CA		741	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/06 - 10/31/06					
023	ROCKY HILL	CT	TRUCK ONLY	1,400	_____
	WILMINGTON	MA		1,564	_____
024	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/06 - 11/15/06					
025	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
026	DAYTON	OH		2,964	
027	OBETZ	OH	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
028	MCALESTER	OK		2,964	
029	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
030	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,964	
031	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	741	
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	2,223	

COMM TYPE : 40 RAISINS
PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

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DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06					
032	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	690	
	OBETZ	OH	TRUCK ONLY	690	
033	DAYTON	OH		1,380	
034	KENT	WA		966	
	SPOKANE	WA		414	

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PACK SIZE : 50 24/15 OZ PKG

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DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06					
035	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,728	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/06 - 10/31/06					
036	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	432	
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,296	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				99,480	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				99,480	



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 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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